3. will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any intention to publish the details of the proposed system in the Government Gazette so as to give the public an opportunity to offer its criticism before the Government would take a final decision on the matter ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—1. Yes.

2. Details have not been worked out yet.

3. Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(2) Will the Government be pleased to give some general idea of the change that is contemplated?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—To say exactly what will be the line of change we have to look the expenditure already involved, and improvements already exist and unless we know the amount of commitments to any scheme of granting aid, it is not possible to say what exactly the change will be. Alternative schemes have been already suggested to me, for instance the system of block grant which is obtained in Travancore and Mysore and with some modifications in Madras. Another proposal is to modify the existing system in respect of race but without altering the principle. More than one suggestion has been brought to my notice. I am considering both these with a view to evolve a more satisfactory system than what at present exist. One is obliged to go into the details in matters regarding the rates.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know whether this difference in rates is in the direction of reducing it or increasing it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The suggestion is made to me with a view to reduction. It is not possible to spend more.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—What percentage of reduction is suggested?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I do not remember the details.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know whether the system of block grant was prevailing in Cochin before the present system?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information. I want notice.

Personnel—Primary Education Committee.

584. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether their attention has been drawn to the criticisms made by the Sathyanadam and the Mahathi (papers published from Ernakulam and Trichur respectively) on the personnel of the Primary Education Committee recently appointed by the Government;

2. if so, whether they have taken any steps to meet the points or remedy the defects pointed out in the said criticisms?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—1. Yes.

2. They are not quite to the point.

Branch of Hotel Terminus—Students' Hostels.

585. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether a branch of the Hotel Terminus Ltd., has been opened in any of the Students' Hostels in Ernakulam, if so, under what condition ;

(b) what is the nature of the food or drink supplied. How many students of the hostel are using permanently their articles. How much money is collected per month by this branch from the hostel ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No answers required in view of the answer above.

Applicants for the Agriculture Superintendent's Post.

586. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of those who have applied for the post of the Superintendent of Agriculture with their qualifications ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Member is referred to Part I of the *answer* to question No. 497 of the Legislative Session of 1107.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the qualifications of the present acting Superintendent of Agriculture ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think that is also in the Appendix referred to in the Question—B. A., Bachelor of Agriculture and Pussa trained.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long was he in service ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nine years, eight months and five days.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any one who has got practical experience in Agriculture other than the present incumbant ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has not been looked into in detail.

Dr. Kunjan Nayar.

587. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) was not Doctor Kunjan Nayar of Mental Hospital at Trichur dismissed by Government ;

(b) has he not now been reinstated ;

(c) how many months had elapsed between the date of his dismissal and the date of his reinstatement ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

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